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What's On Our Plate for February? Utah Pride Youth Center

First, I want to say thanks so very much for your contribution of \$4,000.00 to Ingles Para Latinos in January. Your generosity has been overwhelming!

On February 17th we will accept donations for the Utah Pride Center's youth activity center, the Tolerant Intelligent Network for Teens (TINT).

Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) youth are coming out and publicly acknowledging that they are GLBT at younger ages than ever before. Many GLBT youth are rejected by their families when they come out or they face physical or psychological abuse from their families who want to "cure" or punish them. Further exacerbating their situation is the harassment and violence that GLBT youth often face in school settings. As a result, GLBT youth are at increased risk of homelessness, dropping out of school, physical or emotional abuse, depression, substance abuse, rape, and suicide.

Risky behaviors directly correlate with the behaviors we see from GLBT youth who are living in environments where they are pressured to hide who they are. GLBT youth are not more likely to engage in risky behaviors if they are in supportive environments. A study done by Caitlin Ryan, a clinical social worker out of San Francisco's Family Acceptance Pro-

ject, found that the number one risk factor for GLBT youth is also the number one protective factor: the level of acceptance or rejection.

The Utah Pride Center is committed to creating safer environments for GLBT youth and offers them the support needed to help empower them to live happy healthy lives.



The Utah Pride Center has a youth activity center, TINT, that offers a wide array of programs and resources to GLBT youth; these include leadership opportunities through its youth leadership program, a youth intern program,

a support group for transgender youth and a group for their families, coming out resources, referrals, COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere), an annual "Queer Prom", artistic expression activities, and educational workshops about healthy lifestyles. The TINT also offers youth a safe place where some of their basic needs can be met through its "Soup's On" program, which provides food and hygiene kits for hungry and homeless youth.

Thank you in advance for supporting youth with your generous donations!

-submitted by Sharon Strong

Reverently Yours

Rev. Tom Goldsmith



We'll be kicking off our Pledge Drive this year in our own church, unable to rent a downtown or university venue despite a yearlong effort. Space is at a premium. But we're going to have lots of fun and try a different approach. Instead of one huge gathering on Sunday morning we will roll out the red carpet for our feature speaker and for our entire congregation of members and friends on Saturday night, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. with jazz and fancy refreshments.

The exact same program will run again on Sunday morning March 2nd at 11:00 a.m. All that will differ will be the libations. You might also consider this a skier's special where a Saturday night worship service will free you up all of Sunday at the slopes.

Our Celebrations for launching the Pledge Drive have brought a wealth of famous speakers from afar. We've had Executive Directors from Amnesty International and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. We've had presidents of the UUA and Starr King School for the Ministry. And we've had great UU ministers from lofty pulpits. This year we've extremely fortunate to bring to town Charlie Clements, president and CEO of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee--our own UU human rights organization which executes successful programs globally. The following will hopefully entice and serve as an introduction to Charlie. We are delighted to welcome him.



Dr. Charlie Clements is a human rights and public health advocate, renowned for his courageous leadership on a range of domestic and international human rights and humanitarian issues. He is known throughout the human rights community for his ground-breaking efforts to end U.S. intervention in Central America in

the 1980s and more recently for his efforts to raise international awareness about access to water as a human rights issue and of the danger of landmines.

As a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Charlie began his career as a pilot during the Vietnam War. It was the academy's thorough training in

honor and ethics that led Charlie to refuse to fly missions in support of the invasion of Cambodia. After leaving military service under these difficult conditions, he attended the University of Washington School of Community Medicine and Public Health.

Early in his career as a physician, he went to Guazapa, El Salvador, where he was responsible for health care and preventive medicine for 10,000 civilians in rural communities. He developed public health campaigns, training programs for medics, and provision of acute medical services in conditions of extreme duress. He also served as liaison to the international Committee of the Red Cross for Prisoner of War-related matters. He saw firsthand how the policies of the U.S. government were exacerbating the oppression of the people of El Salvador and throughout Central America. This understanding led him to co-found the International Medical Relief Fund (IMRF), where he served as president during the 16 years it functioned (1982-1998).

Returning to the United States, Charlie founded Americans for Peace in the Americas, a Washington, D.C.-based foreign policy and public education organization, which conducted public forums, educational conferences, congressional briefings, and delegations concerning U.S. foreign policy in Central America. This in turn led Charlie to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, where from 1986-1988 he served as the director of human rights education. While at UUSC, Charlie led scores of elected officials to Central America as part of human rights delegations to see firsthand the results of U.S. policies on the region's people. Additionally, he provided congressional testimony on several occasions.

After leaving the Service Committee in 1988, Charlie helped develop and create the Boston-based start-up SatelLife, a not-for-profit with the mission of establishing electronic mail networks for the health sectors in many countries in Africa before they received access to the Internet. After six years, with Charlie as executive director, SatelLife was operating in 15 African and also five Asian countries.

Charlie has also served as a consultant to the Pew Charitable Trusts, developing a program of philanthropy for Mexico-U.S. border regions. This was followed by a successful tenure as executive director of Border WaterWorks, an initiative of the Pew Charitable Trusts and the El Paso Community Foundation, which assists small U.S. communities along the border to resolve their water and waste-

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Congregational Briefs

TheatreGroup - "Cabaret"



For the next TheatreGroup we will be traveling to the historic Egyptian Theatre in wonderful Park City to see the great Broadway triumph "Cabaret". The date is Saturday February 23, tickets are \$38.00, carpool from the church, and we'll probably have dinner at Aristo's (about \$20.00). This promises to be at night to remember and all you have to do to reserve is call me immediately at 359-8639 or e-mail janepowellg@yahoo.com. Tickets will go fast.

-submitted by Steve Gillespie

Miss the mid-year Congregational Meeting?

Copies of the Steering Committee's report on the focus groups that was presented at the meeting are available in the office.

February Village Potluck

Our next Village Potluck will be Saturday, Feb. 9th from 6:00--8:00 pm. Those with the last names starting with A-M, please bring a main meal dish. Those with last names starting N-Z, please bring a salad or bread. After dinner we will watch "The Incredibles" in Eliot Hall for a movie night--so bring pillows, blankets, and cushions. The R.E. staff will provide drinks and popcorn. Everyone welcome!

Reverently Yours (continued)

water problems with self-help construction of infrastructure.

Charlie has also served on numerous boards of directors. He is a past president of the board of Physicians for Social Responsibility, as well as Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), where he was a member for 14 years. While president of PHR, he represented the organization at both the Treaty to Ban Landmines signing in Ottawa, Canada, and the Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which PHR helped to found and lead.

Charlie is the author of *Witness to War* published by Bantam in 1984 and printed in four languages. He is also the subject of an Academy Award-winning documentary by the same name. He has been widely recognized and honored for his humanitarian work. (from uusc.org)

The UU Art Festival is Coming!



Calling all UU artists and art lovers! First Unitarian Church's Art Festival has been revived! Artists, photographers, and craftspeople in our church community can show their talents on Saturday, April 12, 2008. A percentage of sales goes back to our church. If you're interested in exhibiting your work, look for more information in an upcoming Torch or call Bill Reed @ 582-0137.

-submitted by Bill Reed

Circle Suppers

Share dinner with 6-8 members and friends Saturday, March 8th. Stimulating conversation promised. Host will call with shared food assignments. Sign up on clip board, South exit Eliot Hall. Call Judy Miller 277-6324 or email jmiller1@xmission.com for additional information.

-submitted by Judy Miller

Help a Student

Homestay for Japanese student. Young woman studying English, early 20's, for 4 weeks, from February 23 – March 23. Call Ross Chambless 618 -9997.

Endowment Fund News

A gift has been given in memory of

Bob Wright

by Mrs. William Schultz

Nuclear Weapons: Security or Liability?

What do people as diverse as Henry Kissinger, Madeline Albright, Colin Powell, Mikhail Gorbachev, and Arnold Schwarzenegger have in common with members of First Unitarian Church? All are concerned with the accelerating threat of nuclear weapons. As if we didn't have enough to worry about all ready, a number of former U.S. officials with extensive experience as secretaries of state and defense and national security advisors are sounding the alarm regarding nuclear proliferation and the possibility of a major nuclear incident or accident (See *The Wall Street Journal*, 1/04/07 and 1/15/08).



Join The Environmental Ministry and Dialogue for Peace groups on **Tuesday, February 19, 7:00-9:00pm in Eliot Hall** for a dynamic PowerPoint program and discussion presented by the Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weap-

ons (UCAN). UCAN is a group of Utahns working towards the abolition of nuclear weapons. The program will be facilitated by **Pete Ashdown**, President & Founder of XMission Internet and former candidate for the U.S. Senate along with **Tony Guzman**, Steering Committee Member of Think Outside the Bomb.

Come learn about the current state of the nuclear weapons complex, plans to build new nuclear weapons, and how we can work towards a nuclear-free world, starting NOW!

Contact Chriss Meecham at christine.meecham@comcast.net; or call 583-1699 for details.

-submitted by Chriss Meecham

Thank You First Church

An excerpt from a letter to First Unitarian Church from George Cheney of The Barbara L. & Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy:

Dear First Unitarian Church,

On behalf of The Barbara L. & Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy and the University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Science, we

thank you for your generous gift of \$500 in support of the upcoming Migration, Rights and Identities Conference. Your support and commitment allows us to continue to bringing awareness to important global topics within our community and beyond.

*Professional George Cheney
Director, The Barbara L. & Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy*

MDD: Women Gathering Spirit Conference at Jefferson Unitarian Church

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 8, so you won't miss the conference, Women Gathering Spirit: Healing Ourselves and the Earth!

First is a panel discussion about the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects of being a total woman. Twelve dynamic spirit-centered women present eleven afternoon workshops. Topics include Spirit Weaving, Womanyst Spirituality (for women of color), a Medicine Walk, Handless Maiden: From Helplessness to Creative Empowerment, Laughter Yoga, among others.

Refresh yourself in the Red Tent, a round, pillowed room with an altar for quiet reflection beneath stained glass

windows. The conference offers a talented henna artist. Use her intricate designs or your imagination! Want more? Don't miss our musical and dance presentations.

If you register before February 23, you will pay \$45. After that date, the cost will go up to \$50. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Childcare will be provided. Please call to let us know how many children will need care. Some scholarships are available. Home hospital-ity may also be available.

For information call Virginia Savage in Greeley on 970-978-1728, or e-mail her: savageone02@yahoo.com.

Green Tips: It's Easy Being Green on Valentine's Day

Ecofriendly gifts are generally more creative and distinctive than traditional ones--and that little extra touch can be the most romantic gesture of all.

From *The Sierra Club* (http://sierraclub.typepad.com/greenlife/2007/02/five_green_idea.html) and *Lighter Footstep* (<http://lighterfootstep.com/green-your-valentine.html>) here are some ideas for a greener Valentine's Day:

Say It with (Sustainable) Sweets: With all the delicious organic and fair-trade chocolates out there, why give anything else? Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade chocolate is sold in Eliot Hall on Sundays.

Rethink the Roses: Celebrate the many facets of your love with a rainbow of organic, biodynamic certified flowers. Or give your sweetie a lasting reminder of your sentiments: a beautiful house plant.

Give Recycled Valentine's Cards: No, we're not expecting you to cross someone's name off an old card and hand it to your sweetheart. But, you can make your own or you can choose a card printed on recycled paper stock. Paper containing post-consumer recycled and tree-free fiber is becoming much easier to find these days. Check the reverse of the cards at local gift stores to see if they carry a recycled logo.

Make it Homemade: If you have the time, a homemade cake "from scratch" is a great green way to say "I love you". There's no packaging, perhaps you can even purchase some locally grown/raised ingredients – like eggs, flour, and milk - reducing CO2 emissions for transporting from distant suppliers. And - barring any kitchen disasters - there's unlikely to be any waste!

*-Submitted by Maritza Sotomayor
Environmental Ministry*



View "The 2% Solution" Archived Webcast and Vote for YOUR Solutions

Focus the Nation's "The 2% Solution" webcast is now viewable on the EarthDayTV Network site (for computers with high speed Internet access): <http://www.earthdaytv.net>. Additional related digital videos may be viewed at: <http://focusthenation.org/coolvideos.php>. After you have viewed the webcast, be sure to cast YOUR vote for the SOLUTIONS of YOUR choice at: <http://www.focusthenation.org/chooseyourfuture.php>.

Voting closes on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Focus the Nation teams will deliver the results of this vote to congressional offices across the nation, on February 18, 2008, when members of congress are back in their districts for the Presidents' Day recess.

*-submitted by Joan Gregory
for the Environmental Ministry*

Environmental Ministry Book Discussion Group

Book: **Plan B 3.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization**

Where: R.E. Building Room 201

When: Starting Feb. 26, 7:00-9:00PM

Purchase: at the book table

Facilitator: Richard Teerlink

"Lester Brown tells us how to...save civilization...in a practical straight forward way. We should all heed Brown's advice." - Pres. Bill Clinton

Lester Brown, Pres. of the prestigious Earth Policy Institute, writes that we have as little as 20 years to stabilize

the environment before it spirals out of control. His facts are as recent as 2007, and he connects them in a masterful way. This book is exceptional because it proposes a **plan** using already available technology.

-submitted by Richard Teerlink

2008

Folk Vespers Concert Series

First Unitarian Church, 569 S. 1300 E., Salt Lake City, UT

Folk Vespers
www.sicuu.org

Concerts are one hour long and are free to the public with donations appreciated to support the series.

Sunday Feb. 10, 7:30pm - Kate MacLeod and the Pancakes



named among the "ten acts to watch" by editors of the MusicHound Folk Essential Album Guide; performing original songs and the occasional traditional piece

Sunday Feb. 17, 7:30pm - Marv Hamilton



AND Leraime Horstmanshoff

an evening of original songs and amazing musicianship from two of our favorite songwriters

Sunday Feb. 24, 7:30pm - Atherton



alt-country and original songs with a band, distinctly western, reminiscent of Wilco and Ryan Adams

Sunday Mar. 2, 7:30pm - The Crescent Moon String Band



traditional old-time, swing, and string-band style music with original songs

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY

Celebration Weekend and our Pledge Drive Kick-Off



photo from uuaa.org

Our speaker for Celebration Weekend will be

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President and CEO of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

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Celebration Weekend Services

Choose one service:

Saturday, March 1st - 7:00 p.m.
or Sunday, March 2nd - 11:00 a.m.

(Same program both services)

The Ingenious Duo

The Music Department at First Unitarian Church is pleased to announce an upcoming recital that we are hosting. This concert is a charity challenge concert for Peoples Health Clinic in Park City and all donations will be matched and donated to said charity.

The guest musicians are a local baritone and piano duo known as "The Ingenious Duo". Keith Trickett (baritone) and Kim Arnold (piano) have been performing together for a number of years and will present an evening's recital entitled "Sexy, Sacred & Silly". This is an engaging selection of German Lieder, English Folk Songs and Sacred Songs. Sure to be an enjoyable evening of vocal entertainment, we in the Music Department invite and encourage you to schedule this evening and come support this worthwhile cause.

The particulars:

"Sexy, Sacred & Silly"

A Recital of German Lieder and English Songs

Monday, February 25, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church

569 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Owens @ 582-8687 x8 or 295-8938





February 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Sunday Services 9 & 11:00 a.m. (pg.8) Folk Vespers 7:30 p.m. (pg. 6)	11 Board of Trustees Meeting 6 p.m. Rm. 201	12	13	14 Campus Ministry 7 p.m.	15	16
17 Sunday Services 9 & 11:00 a.m. (pg.8) What's On Our Plate Sunday (pg. 1) Folk Vespers 7:30 p.m.(pg. 6)	18	19 Nuclear Weapons: Security or Liability? 7 p.m. Eliot Hall (pg. 4)	20	21	22 Coffee House 8:00 p.m. Eliot Hall	23 Food Co-op pick up 9 to 10 a.m. Contradance 8:00 p.m. Eliot Hall
24 Sunday Services 9 & 11:00 a.m. (pg.8) Folk Vespers 7:30 p.m. (pg. 6)	25 "The Ingenious Duo" musical per- formance 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary (pg. 6)	26 Env. Min. book discussion group starts (pg. 5)	27	28	29	March 1 Celebration Week- end Service 7:00 p.m. (see pg. 2 & 6)

UU Lunch Bunch

"A family-friendly group for anyone and everyone who would like to get together for lunch and chat with like-minded people"

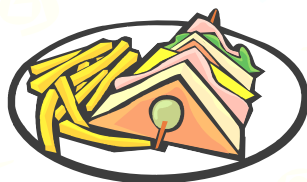
Meet at the Restaurant on Sundays, 12:45 p.m. (For more information contact Tresa at 260-0265)

February 10: The Other Place – 469 E. 300 S.

February 17: Cucina Deli - 1028 E. 2nd Ave.

February 24: The Dodo - 152 S. 400 W.

March 2: Finn's - 1624 S. 1100 E.



Young Adult Group

February 17: The Young Adult Group (ages 18-35ish) will be having brunch at 1 p.m. at the Cafe Trio, located at 680 S 900 E. For questions, call Theresa at 910-3012.

Community Co-Op

First Unitarian Church is an official host site for the Community Food Co-Op of Utah, helping people get access to affordable, nutritious food. February, shares can be picked up on Saturday, February 23 from 9:00-10:00am in Eliot Hall. **March shares must be ordered by March 14 for pick up on March 29.**

Order forms are available online at www.foodco-op.org. Place orders by mail -- 1469 S 700 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84104; phone - (801)746-7878; or fax - (801) 975-0336. For more information, contact Nancy Lindsley at 583-8566 or RNLINDSLEY@MSN.COM.



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Sunday Services

Sunday, February 10th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

“Different Love”

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

7:30 p.m.

Folk Vespers

Sunday, February 17th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

“Immigration: Issue for Politics or Religion?”

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

7:30 p.m.

Folk Vespers

Sunday, February 24th

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

“So You Think 117 Years in Salt Lake City is Big?”

-Rev. Tom Goldsmith

7:30 p.m.

Folk Vespers